



# Sachse, Texas

Sachse City Hall  
3815 Sachse Road  
Building B  
Sachse, Texas 75048

## Minutes - Full Report Parks and Recreation Commission

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Thursday, July 12, 2012

7:00 PM

City Hall

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The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Sachse held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas to consider the following items of business:

**Present** 6 - Commission Member Kirsten Hill, Commission Member Diana Smith, Commission Member Spencer Hauenstein, Chairman Jeff Bickerstaff, Commission Member Juanita Miller, and Vice Chair Darlene Putman

**Also present:** Parks Director Lance Whitworth and Activity Coordinator Cynthia Wiseman.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman, Jeff Bickerstaff.

### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags

The invocation and pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags was led by Chairman, Jeff Bickerstaff.

3. 12-0939 Consider approval of the minutes of the June 14, 2012 meeting.

#### *Executive Summary*

*Review and consider approval of meeting minutes.*

Diana Smith made a request to change the minutes to reflect that during the discussion about the Veteran's Day Program, it was regarding the City's assistance with an event this year and not next year. A motion was made by Spencer Hauenstein and seconded by Diana Smith to approve the minutes with the changes noted. Motion passed unanimously.

### Discuss and consider future plans for Firefighter's Park at 2837 5th Street.

Mr. Whitworth stated that he was able to find the property owner for the piece of land that the City is trying to acquire. Mr. Whitworth has spoken to the City Manager about having difficulty getting into contact with the property owner and the City Manager is going to try and contact the property owner and possibly get the City Attorney's assistance in contacting them if need be.

### Discuss and consider charitable contributions from organizations to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Whitworth reported that he has been working with the Sachse Baseball Association on this and the association would like to make improvements to the practice field at Heritage Park. Currently we are waiting for approval from the Baseball Association board and their decision on whether to make a donation towards this project.

6. 12-0931

Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council on the naming of a ball field in honor of Howard McMillan.

*Executive Summary*

*This item is to discuss and consider a recommendation submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the naming of a ball field in Sachse in honor of the late Howard McMillan.*

Mr. Whitworth stated that at the January 19, 2012, meeting this item was on the agenda and the board discussed naming a field after Mr. McMillan. At that time, the board decided to table this item until after the baseball season to take some time to do research. Mr. Bickerstaff opened the meeting for public comments on this agenda item. The following citizens spoke about Mr. McMillan and reasons why he is deserving of having a field named after him.

-Terry Smith spoke about how Mr. McMillan crafted a voting board for City Council meetings, as well as his service setting up and tearing down Fallfest tents. He also helped by allowing t-ball coaches to use his field for t-ball practices as well as teaching girls softball pitching lessons.

-Charles Pipes read a letter that he submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission asking that they name a field after Mr. McMillan. He spoke about how Mr. McMillan volunteered his time and equipment to maintain and take care of the ballfield at Salmon Park, as well as allowing ballplayers to use an undeveloped acre next to his house for a practice field. He didn't charge for his instruction and he coached over 400 girls.

-Emily Giles spoke about Howard McMillan giving free pitching lessons to girls. She spoke of her experiences taking lessons from him and how he is deserving of having a field named after him.

-Megan from Caddo Mills spoke about Howard McMillan and the impact that he had on her and teaching her pitching lessons and others who took lessons from him and that he is deserving of a field in his honor.

-Cyndi Mitchell spoke about how volunteering for the parks and the schools is very important. She has spoke to people currently in the baseball and softball association to see who knew him and wasn't able to find anyone but if the board decides to name a field after him, the Green Field at Heritage Park is used for the girls and she would like the board to keep that in mind when making a decision.

-Dave from Caddo Mills spoke about how his daughter's self confidence was low and how Howard McMillan helped with her confidence and her pitching.

-Ed spoke about how his daughter went to Howard McMillan since she was 9 years old and how much he helped her to grow up to be a more confident person and he recommends that a field be named after him.

-Stanley Giles spoke about how he drove his daughter every night of the week from Celeste to Sachse to pitch with Howard McMillan.

Mr. Bickerstaff closed the public comment section of the meeting. Ms. Diana Smith doesn't believe that he meets the requirement for services to the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Darlene Putman agrees with Ms. Smith and doesn't see the Sachse side of it and agrees that we are limited with the

number of fields. Mr. Hauenstein disagrees and feels that it sounds as though Howard was an exemplary citizen and that he cared for the character of these young ladies and that his contributions are great enough and that he is deserving of having something named after him. Ms. Miller made a comment that there is already a plaque that is out there hanging on the concession stand that says Foster Field on it. Mr. Whitworth cannot find any information on how that field was originally named after him. Mr. Hauenstein made a motion that the board names the Green Field at Heritage Park after Mr. McMillan. The motion died for lack of a second. Ms. Smith made a motion to deny the request to name a field after Howard McMillan. The motion died for lack of a second. Ms. Smith made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Putman that we deny the request to recommend to City council to name a ball field after Mr. McMillan. Motion carries 4-2 and the request was denied.

**Discuss and consider City Ordinance 7-2 (3) and (5) in regards to amphitheater rental policy and fees.**

Mr. Whitworth reported to the board that he took the amphitheater policies to the City Council based on things that have come about including use of the facility during business hours, use of equipment, use of restrooms, and staff. He received direction from the Council to bring back to the Council a revised ordinance to the policy including the amphitheater not being available for use during City business, as well as not allowing the public to rent sound or lighting equipment, and possibly having a facility available to rent for restrooms including either the library or Senior Center or allowing portable restrooms. Ms. Putman asked about what to do if it's an organization wanting to make a profit during an event. Mr. Whitworth will put something in there regarding these issues and bring it back to the board.

**Staff updates regarding current activities, special events, and personnel.**

Mr. Whitworth thanked Diana Smith, Spencer Hauenstein, Juanita Miller, and Cyndi Mitchell for judging the parade at the Red, White, and Blue Blast. Overall the event went well. The concession stand contract went to the Council at a previous meeting for review. The Council decided to keep the contract with the Sachse Baseball Association.

**Request for future agenda items.**

Requests were made to discuss Firefighter's Park, amphitheater rental policy, recycling program ideas, and the Parks Department's program for diseased/dead trees and brush. The next board meeting was set for August 9, 2012.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:21 PM by Spencer Hauenstein.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

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CHAIRMAN

